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Claim 32 - The method for playing the poker game utilizing a standard 52 card playing deck of claim 31 further comprising paying the player according to a pay table as related to said hand rankings and said wager.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the arguments and remarks made in the Amendment subject to this Notice Response.

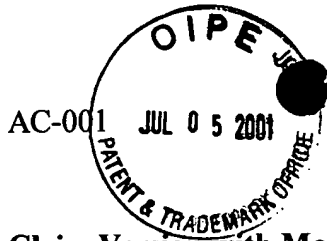
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner pass this case to issue. If, upon further consideration, the Examiner believes further issues remain outstanding or new ones have been generated, undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner call undersigned to expeditiously resolve same.

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Claim 1 (amended) - A method for playing a poker game comprising in combination:

dealing, face up, a NxN array of cards;

selecting none, some, or all of the cards to be held in the NxN array of

cards of any said cards within said NxN array;

dealing new cards to replace unselected cards within said NxN array; and

determining the poker hand rankings of predefined N card arrangements.

Claim 4 (amended) – The poker game method of claim 1 further comprising placing a wager on at least one [payline] said N card arrangements prior to the initial dealing of the cards.

Claim 5 (amended) – The poker game method of claim 4 further comprising determining whether said at least one [payline] said N card arrangements wagered on includes a winning outcome after determining the poker hand rankings and if so, paying the player according to a pay table.

Claim 6 (amended) – The poker game method of claim 2 further comprising 12 [paylines] said N card arrangements arranged as five vertical lines, five horizontal lines, and two diagonal lines.

Claim 7 (amended) – The poker game method of claim 6 further comprising allowing the purchase of said 12 [paylines] said N card arrangements sequentially in a predetermined order.

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Claims 21 through 32 are new.